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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 7, 2004, please consider the following. The commissioner is authorized to charge any fees which may be due to Deposit Account 10-0435, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 8 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an attached annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

An Appendix including amended drawing figures is attached following page 11 of this paper.

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